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Takanori OKURA)	Art Unit: 1632
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Appln. No.: 09/479,862)	Examiner: Ram R. Shukla
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Date Filed or 102(e) date:)	
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For: GENOMIC DNA ENCODING A)	July 9, 2004
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REQUEST FOR STATUS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

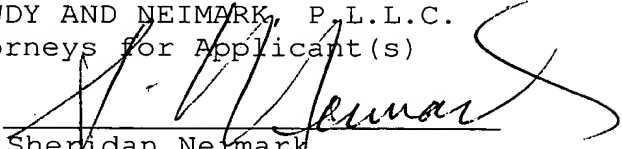
Applicant paid the issue fee in this case on January 7, 2004, but have heard nothing from the PTO since then. In accordance with the requirements of the Patent and Trademark Office, the applicant hereby makes inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

As 37 CFR 1.2 states that the action of the PTO "will be based exclusively on the written record", applicant needs and therefore **requests a written reply**.

Respectfully submitted,

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